

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Attendance

Members Present:

Morris Dunlap, Chair
Harold Warner, Vice-Chair
Bud Hentzen
John McKay
Denise Sherman
James Barfield
Darrell Downing
Ronald Marnell
M.S. Mitchell
Hoyt Hillman
Clark Nelson
Jay Banasiak
Dee Stuart
Bob Aldrich
Elizabeth Bishop
Bill Johnson
Chris Herrick *Ex Officio Member*

Members Absent:

James Ford
James (Jim) Singletary
Gary K. Gibbs

Others Attending:

John Schlegel, Director, MAPD
Nancy Harvieux, MAPD
Bhupendra Patel, MAPD
Aprajit Desai, MAPD
Purab Adabala, M APD
Aruna Reddi, MAPD
Srikanth Yamala, MAPD
Jim Tobaben, PBQ&D, Inc.

1. Call meeting to order – Chairman, WAMPO.

The meeting was called to order by Morris Dunlap-Chair of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held in the Planning Department Conference Room, 10th floor, City Hall, 455 N Main, Wichita KS. New members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 26, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Dunlap asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, seeing none the minutes were approved as presented.

ACTION: Mr. Warner motioned to approve the May 26, 2005 Minutes. Mr. Hentzen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. LRTP draft document distribution; presentation by James Tobaben, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas (Consultant).

Mr. Tobaben provided a brief overview of the LRTP Draft Document. The Plan will be posted on the www.WAMPOplan.org website. The comment period will begin on July 29 and will run through August 19, 2005. On August 11th another WAMPO meeting will be held to answer questions about the Plan. On August 25th the Plan is scheduled for adoption. If there were any significant changes to the Plan, the Plan would need to go through another public comment period. Mr. Tobaben pointed out major areas of the Plan including: Chapter 1 **Goals and Objectives**, Chapter 2 **Air Quality Emerging Issues**, Chapter 3 **Roads**, and Chapter 4 **Financial Analysis**. He further explained each section has an overview in the beginning and summary at the end to provide readers with a synopsis of the chapter.

Mr. Aldrich asked if the Plan addresses the issue of intermodal transportation, specifically the area serving as a hub. Mr. Tobaben advised this issue is addressed in the Plan. He also advised the Plan recommends further study of this issue.

Mr. Aldrich asked if they were establishing a railhead? Mr. Tobaben informed him that the Plan looks at regional issues, and is not a study specific to that issue, but the subject is addressed in the Plan.

Mr. Aldrich asked about the quality of life connection to transportation. He advised that dirt roads exist in the planning area, and he feels that is a quality of life issue. Mr. Tobaben advised that the Plan does not get down to the local street level.

Mr. Hentzen asked about the Transportation Enhancement program and its connection to the Plan. Mr. Tobaben explained the program is not part of the Plan but another type of Federal funding for transportation projects. Ms. Nancy Harvieux, Planning Staff, expanded on the funding program and its tie to transportation.

Mr. Dunlap mentioned the County Commission was presented with information on the Kansas World Trade Center. He asked if the Plan included information about the Center? Mr. Tobaben stated the Plan included information on the Center. He further mentioned information on the Plan will be available on the website established for the Plan.

Mr. Dunlap asked how people were informed about the website? Mr. Tobaben advised the site has been advertised through the newspaper, newsletters, postings, and a variety of other resources. Ms. Harvieux added other methods include: banners on overpasses at Douglas, 1st and 2nd Streets and on the Orpheum Theater message board. Information has also been sent to metro communities around the region. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know how often the website is viewed and if staff feels this is an effective tool. Mr. Tobaben stated the information is tracked and there have been many "hits" to the site.

4. **Public Hearing - Adoption of the Federal Roadway Functional Classification Map for the WAMPO area, presentation by Srikanth Yamala.**

Mr. Srikanth Yamala, Planning Staff presented the Public Hearing item. He presented an overview of the topic and the proposed changes.

Mr. Dunlap opened the public meeting to the public. There were no comments.

ACTION: Mr. Marnell motioned to adopt the Map as amended. Ms. Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Kansas Department of Transportation KLINK, Geometric Improvement, and Economic Development Funding Program; presentation by Nancy Harvieux.**

Ms. Harvieux gave the Policy Body a brief overview of the program and process schedule. She also advised the members of the current activities of the Transportation Enhancement Program.

6. **Update on Transportation Improvement Program [TIP (2006-2010)] Schedule, presentation by Nancy Harvieux.**

Ms. Harvieux advised members that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being updated to replace the existing Program. She referred them to the schedule provided in the packet. Mr. Dunlap wanted to know how the program ties to the LRTP. Ms. Harvieux advised projects in the TIP must be consistent with the Plan.

7. Other items.
None

8. Adjournment.
With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.